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Toungoo—Burman

This is the first letter from me since the Albaughs were here. We enjoyed them immensely. We also had the Winans with us at the same time. Mrs. Albaugh and Mrs. Winans are cousins and since they had not seen each other in America for five years they decided that Toungoo was a good place to meet and we were glad that they did.

The visit of the Minister for Education gave opportunity for renewing friendships. When we were leaving for furlough in 1920 he came fresh from America and called on us and we have had many pleasant contacts since then.

In going over the statistical photographs I have found a very serious error which has done Toungoo Burman work an injustice. The report went home and mention was made of it in a letter from the Rooms. That is that from 1920 to 1934 there had been a decrease in the membership of our churches of 20 people. In 1920 there were 158 reported in these Statistical Photographs and in 1934 only 138. I have finally found the Annual Report for 1933 which shows that there were 253 members reported. I could not find the 1934 report but on looking up the report as sent in by me I find that there were reported 249 for that year, which is 91 more than reported in the Statistical Photographs. The explanation seems to be that up till 1933 the Chin work was reported with the Burmese, but in 1933 it was placed under the Chin head and thus it looked as though there had been a decided drop. Had the Chin work been reported as a part of the Burmese work this mistake would not have been made. Please make a mental note of it that we are not twenty less than in 1920 but ninety-one more.

Christmas season began with our school exercises on the 22nd. On the 24th our Fifth standard teacher, Ma Ohn Thin was married to Saya U San Hlaing of the Government High School at Pegu. I left the next morning early for Gyobintha where we had our school and church exercises at noon. In the afternoon we crossed to Thayagon about four miles away, for the evening exercises there. The usual collection of eggs, good, bad and indifferent, was the expression of their love for me. I received about ninety and a big cocoanut which furnished me with a cooling drink. I also spent Sunday with the Church at Thayagon. Much of the paddy had been injured by the rain which came early in the month, but while I was there it began to rain and it rained all Sunday night. Monday the walk home through the fields was over muddy fields and a constant drizzle of rain. This has been a most serious calamity to the farmers. I am already

trying to get help for them so that they may have a second crop of cow peas and thus relieve their serious loss to a certain extent.

Monday night a party of us drove to Pyu for the exercises there. There were over 150 present. Children from our jungle school three miles away came in and helped with the program. One of their little dramas was "The Other Wise Man," well rendered with crepe paper costumes. They also gave a little play on the value of education. The trip down and back was in constant rain and our thoughts turned constantly to the paddy lying in the threshing floors or in the sheaves in the fields.

The rains made it impossible to reach two other villages where we had exercises as they were some miles back from the motor road and access was only through the fields which were now too wet for motor car travel.

The baptism of five young people at Thayagon was one of the encouraging events of Christmas week. Four of them were school children and one a young man of nineteen.

On Friday night we had our usual Watch Night service at our home. The service began at nine o'clock with a Burmese service in which U Ba, T.P.S. of Meiktila, lead our thoughts in a review of the past year and with a hopeful look into the coming year. From ten to eleven we had a lot of views of American life shown on the screen by means of the magic lantern. Then a half hour was given to refreshments and social meetings and introductions and this was followed with a half-hour of review and preview by me in English. About 112 people were in attendance. We were surprised at so large an attendance, but this service ministers to all races and at this service we had about twelve different races. Our Baptist people all feel free to invite all their friends and we try to make the closing service helpful in leading people to make the only resolution which will enable them to live their lives to the glory of God.

Lewis B. Rogers.

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Kutkai — Kachin

We have just closed our Bible Training School for the year. Ten have finished the prescribed course. Five of these are women. Long before the end of the school year all of these ten were spoken for. Two of them went to Myitkyina, one to Bhamo and the rest we absorbed here in our field. These ten students, together with the fourteen first-year students who will return next year in order to complete their course of study, have done a fine piece of work in the neighboring villages. About fifty families have become Christians partly through the efforts of these students during the year. It has been interesting to read their brief weekly reports of their doings during the weekend in the villages. Such items as these appear regularly: "Gathered the small children in order to teach them to read," "Visited a house where all were sick with fever; I made a fire, helped to prepare some food and boiled some hot water and gave all the medicine I had." "We visited some houses and talked to the women about cleanliness then we swept out the dirt and the dust in the house," "We dug a well," "I gathered the young girls and showed them how to sew and crochet," "I showed them how to plant and worked with them in the garden," "We cleaned up the place around the chapel and planted flowers." and so on. Then they are asked to count and report as to the number of attendants at the meetings and I find that they preached to an average of 1500 people every Sunday. In collection they would get about Rs. 4/- every Sunday.

Because of our Bible School there is a noticeable change in and near Kutkai. Drunkenness and gross im-

morality among the Kachins much in evidence a few years ago has been done away with to a great extent. A few years ago the public women of Kutkai were mostly Kachin girls; it is so no more.

Gustaf A. Sword.

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Greetings

I have, as some of you know, come down to your level and so to speak, no longer look down upon you.

It is such a different life down here on the Plains with motor cars and all the joys of modern life. Have decided we alone are Pioneer Missionaries, for all the other distant places of Burma can have motor-cars and busses, etc.

We think that a decade hence there may be a motor road into the Chin Hills, but it will be years before they will be running from one end of the hills to the other, for the Chins have only just taken to pack-animal transport.

Mr. Cope is on a long tour with the D. C. which will take over two months and I am compelled to stay down country until he returns and meets me with the ponies, the end of February.

I regret that I could not send you all our Christmas wishes on cards this year but do now send you the best of New Year wishes for health and happiness. I counted them all pice, annas, pies but could not spend any on cards for you. The Chins you know must have a Christmas stew, so instead of cards, I a pig did buy. Now please do not ask, "How many cards in a pig?"

I am looking forward to the meetings in Mandalay — the Association and Fiftieth Anniversary celebration. I have never been to a Burmese Association, nor in fact any other than those held in the Chin Hills.

Elizabeth S. Cope

Thayetmyo — Southern Chin

The hammer, hammer, hammer of the carpenters on the school building from Nyaungoo has ceased and the brick nogging of the first floor is almost completed. Over Rs. 150 has come in from "Brick Cards" and although we planned no campaign to raise funds we have been encouraged and delighted to have over Rs. 700 already given in cash towards the new school building.

A visit from Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Josif and their two sons made a welcome break in the lonely life here. Both Dr. and Mrs. Josif gave helpful suggestions to the teachers which we all appreciated. We visited the new cement works. Some of our former Chin School boys are employed there. Dr. Josif took pictures of the compound. One shows the open gate to welcome you, the mission house where you may be comfortable, and the latch string out.

Samo Shwe Ya in December visited Chin villages near Mindon, forty miles west of Thayetmyo, returning just before Christmas with news of baptisms. At the same time Samo Tun Pa went almost as far east, across the river, and reported fifteen baptisms.

You will rejoice that Isabel (Mrs. Condict) is much better and able to do some speaking. She and our eldest son, Edward, a mechanical engineer, have rooms at 701 Pacific Avenue, Trenton, N.J. In her Christmas letter to her husband Isabel wrote of how the work here has grown since our first Christmas here twenty-five years ago. And although separated from my three sons they are, in a way, nearer this year, for Edward is teaching a Sunday School class of boys in the church of which I am a charter member, where I was ordained. That church pays most of my salary. Clinton is at Andover Newton Theological School, where I spent three years. He is assisting Dr. Arbuckle.

Pastor of the Newton Center Baptist Church, with the young people, in the church in which I baptized our three sons. Chubb is a Junior at Bucknell, my alma mater, and he also teaches a class of boys in the Baptist Sunday School.

Have just finished reading D. J. Fleming's "Attitudes Toward Other Faiths" and found it helped solve the problem which is ever ours, "What should our attitude be?" Dr. Fleming is very wise in presenting problems, giving the pros and cons and then leaving the questions for us to answer. It led me to read again Dr. Fleming's "Whither Bound in Missions," especially some passages I had underlined. It is so easy for us to get a sense of superiority and his first chapter, "Eradicating a Sense of Superiority" helps give "a fitting racial humility." For devotional reading I am finding Fleming's "Marks of a World Christian" in the "Everyday Life Series" equally helpful in showing fundamental elements which should characterize every Christian. I only regret that I did not have the benefit of Fleming's books when I first arrived in Burma twenty-six years ago. Then I found A. J. Brown's "The Foreign Missionary" invaluable and many a time since I have found his rich experience very valuable.

A Happy New Year from the Southern Chins!

E. Carroll Condict.

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Aungbinle Association —

The annual assembly of the Baptist Churches of Upper Burma, was held this year at the ex-royal city of Mandalay, and synchronized with the Golden Jubilee of "Judson Memorial" Church, which was erected in 1887, one year after the Annexation of Upper Burma. The invitation and descriptive circular letters, announcing the gathering and welcoming all who could possibly attend on this historic occasion, were printed in gold. Although the attendance was less than confidently hoped for, the sessions were characterized by happiness, good fellowship, uplifting inspirational meetings, optimism and plans for extension. Our three resident lady missionaries — Misses Thayer, Wiatt, and Rich, contributed much to the success of the Association, and will, of course, continue to do all that lies in their power to build up the Kingdom of God in that city of, say, 120,000 inhabitants. We do, however, feel keenly the lamentable fact that, since the final departure from Burma of Rev. and Mrs. Hinton, we have been without a male-missionary on that large and important city! Roman Catholic priests are increasing in number in every important centre in this land of "the Judsons," whereas we, who have the unadulterated and glorious Gospel of God's free Grace in Christ, to proclaim to the millions of this favoured land, are decreasing in the number of our missionaries! Beloved Brothers and Sisters, in the Home-land, please reinforce our depleted ranks quickly, and may 1938 register a multitude of rejoicing disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ in "Judson-land," in consequence of your sending to our help men and women aflame with a passion of love for Christ and the souls of men and women and little children.

Christmas —

As forecasted in my December article, in the BURMA NEWS, the writer spent Christmas and the day following a hundred miles distant, in a Lisu village of nine houses only, where a total of 150 were entertained! Eleven of that number walked from Mogok, a five day's journey! Others came from four Lisu Christian villages ten to twenty miles distant. All were arrayed in holiday dress. It was a time of joy and rejoicing for those primitive people, who were formerly

worshippers of evil-spirits, without God and without hope in this world, but now filled with a radiant faith in Jesus Christ.

It was an intense pleasure to baptize fourteen young believers in Christ, of from ten to twenty-two years of age. Two Lisu Christian couples were united in marriage in the little chapel, decorated for the Christmas season. Had it been possible for me to broadcast the singing, by all the children, by the women, by the men, and then by all combined, to some of our leading churches in America, Canada, and England, the effect on those Western churches would have been electrifying and inspiring. They have a similar amazing gift for singing to that possessed by the world-famed Karens. They sing with an abandon of joy and chiefly from memory, for books are very scarce and difficult to obtain. The bodies of many, whilst singing, sway to and fro in sympathy with their feelings and voices. If the Communion service could have been televisioned to you dear friends across the seas, the simple yet impressive scene in that primitive bamboo building would have affected you deeply as you reflected that ten years ago those communicants of the symbols of our Lord's broken body and shed blood, were enfolded in the spiritual darkness and superstition of demon-worship. What hath God wrought! Do you wonder that they sing for joy, as did Moses and the children of Israel on the eastern shore of the Red-sea, because delivered from their enemies and slavery to sin and Satan? What did they sing?

Six girls in a circle, with one hymn-book, as their bodies swayed to and fro, sang, "Jesus Sought Me When a Stranger."

Eight women, three of whom had babes suspended on their backs, sang "Christ Alone Can Save Me." Nine boys sang. "Jesus Paid It All." Twelve men sang, "Blessed Redeemer," "Shall We Gather at the River" and "There Is a Happy Land" were sung by all the congregation as was "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." I congratulate our Society and the local churches, in America, who are supporting this work by prayers and gifts and consecrated lives, upon the rich dividends in saved and changed lives out here, which your investments in this mission-work are realizing. Let us never forget the one and only definition of *Eternal Life* given in the bible, by our Lord, in St. John 17:3 (*cf.* 1st John 5:11-12).

Ernest Grigg.

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Home Again at Pyinmana

Mrs. Case and I reached Pyinmana December 6 and appreciated the cordial welcome starting with the agricultural school brass band at the station and ending with a formal Sunday afternoon service of welcome by the church. The four hives of bees from England were carried triumphantly through the town on the shoulders of our students. Between visits of friends or going out to friends we have been unpacking and getting settled.

Several of our "sons in the spirit" married through our "matrimonial department" shortly before we left Burma, now came and presented us with "grandchildren of the spirit." Mr. Smith had the farm smiling with wonderful crops of sugar cane and beans, and in spite of the unusual rains a good crop of rice was being harvested. Mr. Cummings had pushed on with the marketing of eggs from the villages so that now more thousands of eggs each month were rolling out from our back yard than ever before. In spite of several shipments of fruit trees from America being destroyed by customs he had gotten a number of shipments through which were growing with promising vigor. Some trees of the Marsh Seedless Grapefruit were already pro-

ducing handsome clusters of their first crop of fruit. Mrs. Smith and the school nurse also had interesting classes carried on for the women of the neighborhood. It was a joy to come back and see so much accomplished during our absence.

The teams of agricultural students for week-end trips to the villages had been organized and I at once started going out with them. Was delighted to see the new group of Christian families gathered at Tatkon, in connection with the new government Rural Demonstration Centre. The Burmese doctor directing the health work though not a professing Christian at once welcomed me with the words, "Unless our workers have a real missionary spirit they cannot get results here." He apparently appreciated the need of Christian spirit for successful Rural Reconstruction by selecting so many of his helpers from among the Christians. He himself came and helped open our evening evangelistic meeting in the village with motion pictures and a health talk.

Took a trip to Mandalay for the Aungpinle Association where the Judson Church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. Part of the festivities was a memorial service at the old prison site at Ava.

Immediately on returning, one hundred and twenty visitors from North India stopped for a day to see Pyinmana. They were part of the delegates to the quadrennial All India Christian Student Convention held at Judson College. The week before forty delegates from Ceylon had also stopped off. The appreciative interest of these visitors and their desire to see more work like this at Pyinmana to be done in their own part of India rewarded us and made us hope that out of their high privileges they will seek to serve more the needy life of the villages near them.

On the last Sunday of the old year it was my privilege to baptize twelve persons at Pyinmana and a few days later Saya Nge, our district evangelist, baptized eleven more at Kyaukthanbat village at the foot of the mountains north east of here where for several years a graduate of the agricultural school has been working supported by our local Karen Christians. There is a wide spread spirit of good will in the district which makes the villages open to all the evangelistic work we are able to do.

During the next few months we want to visit as many associations as possible and would like to see a Committee on Rural Reconstruction in each of the Burma associations similar to this committee in the Provincial and National Christian Councils of India.

Our Agricultural School would be glad to keep in touch with such committees and help them to carry out definite demonstration projects in selected places along lines which they feel are needed. Send young men to us whom you want trained for such projects or use some of those whom we have trained. We want to work in close co-operation with the associations to help strengthen the local village churches along the lines in which we can make a special contribution. Therefore call on us and call on your own association for this purpose.

Brayton C. Case and Company

News from the Lattas

Well, here we are in America where we have been for the last seven months trying to get ourselves supercivilized so as to fit into present day U. S. A. Things are in rapid transit. Everything moves that goes. Cars go twice as fast as they did when we were home before, may be just as safely, I don't know. Trains have increased speed and comfort and most of them are air conditioned which makes for pleasant travel. Every home seems to have a radio including ours which is a borrowed one or rather a loaned one. The ice-man is

hard-hit with the electric refrigerator. We haven't one. Eats are high, clothes are high. Even "Dime Stores" have many things that sell for a quarter.

Have been doing deputation work since July 22. Have been in thirteen states (not the original thirteen), but did not speak in all. Attended a good many Associations and the Danish National Baptist Convention. I did not know how I would get along with them having known no more than a half a score of them. Didn't know if I could follow their meetings or not, thinking they would be in Danish. But I didn't hear more than half a dozen Danish words used. They were strong for evangelism and missions, a people after my own heart, and I almost wished I were a Dane.

Went to Flint, Michigan, to a Layman's Retreat and had a great time with the men there in the camp in the woods by the lake. What an inspiration they were to me!

Taught in two Bible Assemblies, the mission courses. First in Montana and then in Nebraska. The young people of to-day, in spite of the tempestuous tempo of the times with their temptations are the finest generation that has ever lived on the earth. They will do a better job of living in a swift world than any of the preceding generations. Of course I realize that a Bible Assembly draws the best and most purposeful.

Have been touring New York State since November 8, speaking at Workers Forums five nights a week and at Churches on Sunday Will continue till December 11, and then come back in January for another trip. I'll be almost a New Yorker by then. I have discovered already that New York is not so much a state as it is a state of mind, and those who come to these Forums have a missionary state of mind.

I am writing this from Hamilton, New York. Yesterday while wandering over the campus of Colgate University, who should spot me but Dr. Paul Gleason formerly of Burma, who is teaching physics here. I have been their guest since, and I shall be homesick when I leave their hospitable home for another appointment this evening.

Saw Dr. Cope's fine son, Dan, in the laboratory of Physics, working away, a big six-footer, and as handsome as his father ever was and just about as friendly.

Saw Dr. Stanley Baldwin formerly of Mandalay and Maymyo, who is teaching English here at Colgate. These two and other missionaries keep Burma alive in the minds of folks here.

Had a big thanksgiving dinner at home with three of our children. Had turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin and mince pie and all. Now the next set feast is Christmas.

Well, why don't you write to us sometime? The most we ever got from Burma in one week was fourteen and they have all been answered too. Future letters will be treated likewise. Not many have pulled the latchstring that hangs out our front door. Mrs. Hanson is the only one outside of Granville. No, Miss Trever of China called too. She was an old friend of Mrs. Latta's at the training school in Chicago.

The missionaries of Granville gather at one of their homes for a prayer meeting the first Monday of each month. We do not forget to pray for you all.

J. T. Latta.

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Vacation

If any group of three or four missionary ladies would be interested in a vacation together at "Rockbound" next hot season please write me.

Lizbeth Hughes.

News from Miss Reifsneider

Dear Burma Friends:

Seven months gone since sailing from Rangoon! It scarcely seems possible. And now 1938 is near at hand which means to me "Burma again." It also reminds me that I want to wish you all a very happy new year overflowing with blessings from above.

Since coming on furlough many interesting things have happened. All up the Pacific coast I visited Burma friends — Mrs. Merriam, Hattie May Price, the Leslie Whitakers and the Will Whitakers, the Harrisses, Mrs. Mosier, Ethel Hunt Davis. It was a delightful trek. There were a number of stops in crossing the continent to visit relatives. Since arriving in Philadelphia my aim has been to get rid of the germs which had been bothering me my last year in Burma. And now after two months of drastic treatment I feel quite made over and full of energy.

My latest escapade was an automobile accident, when the car skidded, went off the road into an apple orchard and finally decided to turn over on its side. With the whole back seat to roll around in, I acquired a few bumps and bruises. My left shoulder two weeks after the accident is still being petted. But we are all so thankful that nothing worse happened.

Thanksgiving Day was a Burma day. Walter and Eva Keyser who are studying at Crozer Seminary came up to Philadelphia with their little son and had dinner with me. We shared some Burma letters and talked mostly about Burma. Then in the evening the phone rang. When I answered it I couldn't seem to understand a word of what the person at the other end of the line was saying. Suddenly it dawned upon me that he was speaking Burmese, and I began to do so in reply. "Be-thu-le"? It was Clarke Case. He had come down to Philadelphia for the Penn-Cornell Football Game and was at Grace Maine's sister's home. I jumped on a bus and soon another group of us were talking Burma again. Clarke was the happy possessor of a bit of the Penn goal-post torn up by Cornellians after the game because they had won 6-0. He looks so splendid and is eagerly looking forward to Medical School in two years.

At present I am auditing two courses at Eastern Seminary in Philadelphia — one in New Testament Exegesis and the other in Child Psychology. I am signed up for the special course for missionaries given at Cornell each year. The dates are January 25 to February 19. It sounds interesting. Now I am beginning to do a little speaking and of course enjoying it a lot. Just now I am revelling in the abundance of Christmas material in the shops and laying in a supply, especially in the line of pageants and religious dramas, stories etc., for which one is always hunting as the Christmas season approaches.

Burma friends and work are continually in my thoughts and prayers and this letter is to tell you so. With best wishes for a year of great blessings in the Land of the Judsons which we all love so much,

Most sincerely yours,
Marian H. Reifsneider

Victory Through Faith

The Christian life began with faith receiving the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Saviour. It finds its consummation in receiving Him also as its Lord. In consecration we think mainly of the surrender of self. In faith we think of the reception of the Lord. You can only give as you receive. You receive Jesus to be Lord. And He as Lord, guides you into, and enables you for, the giving of yourself back to Him. It is faith in this aspect of it which is able to achieve the impossible. Victory over our sins and over ourselves.....To faith nothing is impossible. What we cannot do Christ can.

J. Russell Howden

The Power of God
by Dr. Karl Heim

It is very interesting to read a book f sermons by a former chaplain of ie German Army in the World War! or three years he acted as secretary f the German Student Christian ovement and was appointed profes- r of theology in Tubingen in 1920. is classrooms are as crowded as his pectant congregations whenever he eaches. What are the secrets of his iritual power? A few sample quota- ns may give us a clue as well as a sire to read his whole book.

"If God loved us so much that He ok upon Himself our poor flesh and ood to save us, then something readful must happen if we coldly differently decline such love."....

"Is not our whole hectic modern e, our hunted existence, nothing but st a flight from God? Perhaps God as long been desiring to talk with u about certain things in your life hich must be put in order, at any te before you pass into eternity; rhaps certain things in your busi- ss life, perhaps in your marriage, rhaps some old enmity which is mbittering your life. But you never ve time for this talk, you never ve a quiet moment. Absorbing ork and the cares of your profession ke up all your day and claim all ur energies, and in the evening you em driven to go somewhere where ur nerves will be stimulated and you n forget all your worries as quickly possible. There are many people ho are positively afraid of having a iet hour with nothing to do and body with them, when they are left themselves. They rush from such uncanny stillness into some noisy mpany, a crowd of merry friends or meeting in which some exciting dis- ssion on the latest questions of the y is taking place. They prefer to in the company of those who are so fleeing from God, and who gather gether with other fugitives. Some people give one the impression that the older they grow and the nearer the moment approaches when the flames must overtake them, the faster they hurry, the more they fling themselves into work and pleasure, to drug themselves as long as they can."

And from his sermon on "The Mystery of Godliness:" "The man who confesses Christ must be prepared for anything, for aggression and contempt, for an uncertain future. One has often the impression that already, here and there in the world, 'the great apostacy' is beginning which the Scriptures foretold. But this time of the Church's poverty is a great and glorious time, when the invisible Christ gathers together His marriage company, who give Him complete allegiance and who await His coming with lamps burning."

From his sermon on "Jesus And Our Social Contrasts:" "However beautiful the things may be that the world offers — food and drink, elegant clothing, the pleasures of dancing and of noble society — our soul cannot live on such things. They may excite and stimulate us for a short time, but they leave us inwardly blank and empty. Our inner man is not satisfied, for it wants eternity, thirsting after something that can never be lost, thirsting for God. Only in unbroken communion with Him do we find the vital atmosphere in which we can breathe, the nourishment that satisfies our soul."

V. W. Dyer.

Book Review

"The Prophetic Movement In Israel," by Albert C. Knudson, is now available in Burmese. The translation was made by Dr. McGuire who is now in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This alone is sufficient recommendation as to the quality of the Burmese. It is the only thing on Prophecy in Burmese, so far as I know, and so fills a long felt need for us here at

the Seminary, and I am sure will be welcomed by missionaries and Burmese preachers as well for use in Bible classes and for private study. The English edition has already run through six editions, which shows that the young people in America for whom it was especially written, are finding it helpful. We believe it will prove equally helpful out here.

The book contains ten chapters: Prophecy as an Institution, The Preliterary Prophets, The Eighth Century Prophets, The Prophets of the Babylonian Period, The Post-exilic Prophets, Prophecy and the Nation, Prophecy and Morality, Prophecy and Personal Religious Experience, Prophecy and the World, Prophecy and the Future.

The Mission Press has done a very neat piece of work in getting it out and is selling it at the small price of As. 12 per copy. I am using it in my class here at the Seminary and am finding it very helpful.

Our warm thanks are due to Dr. McGuire for the translation work he has done and is still doing to help on the cause in Burma. During the past two years he has translated or prepared as an original work the following: "An Introduction to the New Testament" (Original), "The Prophetic Movement in Israel." "The Parables," and is now translating a small book entitled "Amos the Prophet of a New Order." "The Introduction to the New Testament" is now in the press, the final proof having been read but a few days ago. The MS. of the Parable is now going the rounds of the MS. Committee and is meeting with most favorable comment.

W. E. Wiatt.

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Sunday Schools

Sunday Schools are conducted in 129 countries. They are prohibited in only one land — Russia. They thrive best in the United States, with over 20 million people enrolled. Engla ranks second. In *Finland* there a 24,838 pupils, and 23,409 teache Finland has two institutions for t training of Sunday School teachers

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Publicity

The second issue of the public leaflets have gone on their way spread information about the Bapt Mission Work in Burma.

If there are any of you in Burm who have not received your "samp copies" will you kindly drop me card. I tried to get them out to missionaries and hope you have received them. There are quite a fe left and if you want more sent envelope stuffers I shall be glad supply as far as they will go. T issue this time ran into 10,000 cop of each.

Some of you have already writt or spoken words of appreciation me personally about these leaflets. is to Mrs. Chaney that compliment are due. It was she who prepar and saw through the Press this seco issue. Owing to pressure of seve things I did not get them mailed early as she would have done a wished me to do, but there are lim to what can be done in a given tim They all were mailed before Chri mas and will reach U. S. A. befo the end of January.

May I ask your continued co-op ration in sending material that can incorporated — not long reports short paragraphs, sketches, word p tures, so we do not need to spend da boiling it all down. Also send sn shots that will make good cuts a that tell a story. We need loads material to pick and choose from a can only use what you send. If y will mark it "Publicity" in the corn of the envelope it will help. Mu obliged.

Hulda K. Smi

Splendid Response

Your response to the plea for help r the "dying child" of the Chris- n Literature Society has been lendid and is greatly appreciated. You will be glad to know that all ports indicate improvement and pro- ess of the invalid — due to your e co-operation. Several people ve sent in more than ten subscrip- ns and at least two have secured enty or more. However the danger not yet over and we hope you will ntinue to advertise the "Woman's riend." Associations will soon be eeting and will give a fine opportu- y for further advertising of this agazine. Sample copies are avail- le at the A. B. M. Press. Please nd all subscriptions to the Superin- ndent, A. B. M. Press.

Grace A. Maine.

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Cottage Availeble at Amherst

I have recently acquired a small ttage at Amherst, named "Hilary ouse." Missionaries are very wel- me to use it, and I am asking them e. 1 per day for the whole cottage. here is room for four people and it furnished except for cutlery, linen, d bed pillows. As there are people Amherst renting cottages for a ring, in order to avoid undercutting, e rates for non-missionaries are s. 4 per day. It is already booked r this hot season.

A. B. Grey.

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Language Examinations

In the Burmese Language exami- tion held in October and November, 37, five candidates passed.

Miss Rich, Miss Maine and Miss ayer each passed the Elementary ade Examination with credit.

Rev. Roger Cummings and Miss ura Johnson passed the Inter- ediate grade examination.

Field Secretary.

Graduating Exercises

The Burman Seminary will hold its Annual Graduating Exercises on Tuesday, February 1, beginning at 4 o'clock. Tea will be served for all beginning at 3 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

W. E. Wiatt.

The Karen Seminary will hold its Annual Graduating Exercises on Wednesday, February 2, beginning at 2:30 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

W. E. Wiatt.

The Graduating exercises of the Karen Women's Bible School will be held on Monday evening, the 31st of January at 6-30 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

M. A. Beebe.

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Fresh Vegetables, Eggs, Pork

Remember nice fresh vegetables are in season now at the Pyinmana Agricultural School such as lima, beans, carrots, beets, tender cabbage for cole slaugh, and within a month large mealy tomatoes will be ripe. We can also enclose in the basket guaranteed fresh eggs of bazaar size at 10 annas per dozen and also on Thursday's shipments, delicious grain fed pork.

B. C. Case.

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My Human Best Filled with the Spirit

By Richard Ellsworth Day

This author wrote "Under the Shadow of the Broad Brim" (a Life of Spurgeon) and "Bush Aglow" (A Study of D. L. Moody) which many of the readers of the NEWS have read and enjoyed.

The above book is a devotional work to be issued quarterly for one year with a page for each day of the year. It will later be printed as one volume.

We have ordered by Air Mail a number of copies of the January, February and March issue to be sold at Re. 1/- each. They will be a trifle late in coming but we will post immediately to those who register their orders now.

A. B. M. P.

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Dates of Associations

Moulmein Karen
Kawravier, March 15 and 18.
Bassein Sgaw Karen
Kanbala Village, March 13 to 15.
Pegu Burman
Einchalazy Village, Feb. 11 to 13.
Henzada Burman
Sagagyi Village, Feb. 11, 12 and 13.
Rangoon Sgaw Karen
Nayaung-ga Village, Pyapon District, March 15 and 16.
Tharrawaddy-Prome Karen
Dawsabakwin Village, Feb. 16 to 18.
Toungoo-Paku
Bu Ko Village, February 23 to 25.
Toungoo-Bwe
Tah Meh Tah Village, February 23.
Toungoo-Bwé Mopwah (S. Assoc.)
Ku Thay Der, March 8 to 10.
Toungoo-Bwé (N. Assoc.)
N.-Kyah Village, March 15 to 17.
Prome-Tharrawaddy Burman
Zigon, March 18 to 20.
Bassein-Myaungmya-Wakema Burman Assoc.
Bassein, February 11 to 13.
Nyaunglebin-Karen

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Bassein — Burma

Impale Village, March 16 to 18.

I am glad to state that I am now out of bed and able to be around the house. It has been and is to be a slow process, so the Civil Surgeon tells us.

Regarding the time of the Bassein-Myaungmya-Wakema Association, let me say that the Committee chose Feb. 11 to 13 inclusive as the time, and the place to be Bassein.

L. W. Spring.

Impale
Nyaunglebin

Our Nyaunglebin Karen Associ tion will be held at Impale village the Sittang river. The dates a March 16, 17 and 18, the 16th bei the date of the Woman's Meeting a Pastors' Meeting.

We started work in this village Impale two years ago, and there ha been several baptisms. Although church has not yet been organized t villagers asked a year ago that t Association meet with them in 193 During this year they have had serious cholera epidemic, have h their crops destroyed three times floods, and yet they are making pre arations to entertain the Associati in March. All our churches are co tributing rice and other food stuff and collections are being taken care for other expenses.

About a hundred people in this vi lage are now asking for baptism, a B. Thaya is spending the comi month with them, giving them su instruction as they need that th may be ready for baptism and churc membership. God has truly bless us in our seed sowing in and arou Impale.

Visitors will be welcome at t meetings in March.

H. V. Pethera

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Toungoo — Sgaw Karen

The Paku Association meets at B Ko village on February 23 to 2 The churches Jubilee Meeting is the 22nd. This village can be reach rather easily by bus from Toung along the Mawchi Road. About four-hour walk in from the bus st brings one to the village. This mountain travel. Leave Toung early in the morning and get to B Ko about 5 in the afternoon the sa day.

There are three Bwe Associatio The first meets at Tah Meh Tah vi

age to the West of Toungoo, Febru-ry 23. This is new work and is urely local. It is really the Home Mission work.

The South Association (Bwe-Mop-vah) meets at Ku Thay Der. March to 10. This village is easily reached rom Baw-Ga-Lay-Gyi (Kler Lah) on ne Toungoo-Mawchi Road. The dis-ance is nine miles from the road. ake bus from Toungoo.

The Northern Association meets at .-Kyah village near Leiktho March 5 to 17. Railway to Yedashe. Bus o the Sittang river, the walk is five iles.

C. L. Klein.

Sailed

On S. S. *Manoeran* on December 28, Mrs. D. O. Smith and children.
On December 11, on the S. S. *Chindwin,* Mrs. A. C. Hanna and daughter.

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Arrived

Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Case, on December 2, on the S. S. *Chindwin.*
Miss S. H. Gibbens, on December 14, on the S. S. *Amarapoora.*

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